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In re Application of

Drizen et al.

Examiner: A. Hulina

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 9, 1997. The three month shortened statutory period for response expired on October 9, 1997. A one-month Petition for Extension of Time is attached hereto extending the period for reply to November 9, 1997.

In view of the following remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claim:

--1. (Three times amended) A sterilized, purified, long acting drug composition which comprises:

an active therapeutic drug dispersed within a polymer matrix which is soluble or suspended in a liquid medium; wherein the polymer matrix consists essentially of negatively charged polymers

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